The Battle of Antietam 153rd Anniversary Programs



The Battle of Antietam will be commemorated September 16-27, 2015. A full schedule of tours, hikes, talks and living history programs will be offered by park staff over those days exploring the events that unfolded during and after the Maryland Campaign of 1862.

Wednesday, September 16th

Col. Charles C. Tew Sword Ceremony	Tew lost his sword at the Sunken Road. Today it will be returned to his alma mater, The Citadel.	Tour Stop 8	1:00	45 minutes
Prelude to Battle	A short battlefield hike that will look at the events that led up to the Battle of Antietam.	Visitor Center	6:00	90 minutes
	Thursday, September 17	th		
Sunrise in the Cornfield	Experience sunrise on the morning of the 153rd Anniversary.	Tour Stop 4	7:00	45 minutes
All Day Hike	Join us for a 2 mile hike of the northern section of the battlefield in the morning.	Visitor Center	9:00	3 1/2 hours
	Followed by 3 mile hike on the south end of the park.	Cemetery	1:30	3 1/2 hours
West Woods Hike	Meet the ranger for this real time program.	Visitor Center	10:00	90 minutes
Ranger Guided Driving Tours	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.	Visitor Center	10:30 1:30	2 1/2 hours
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign.	Visitor Center	12:00, 3:00, 4:00	30 minutes
Friday, September 18th				
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Aftermath of Battle Walk	A short walk to the Mumma and Roulette Farms to learn how the local families survived after the battle.	Visitor Center	11:00	45 minutes
Civil War Medicine	A talk on Civil War medicine.	Visitor Center	2:00	30 minutes

Saturday, September 19th

In-Depth Hikes Cornfield	Longer, more detailed programs. Each hike	Visitor Center	9:00	3 hours
	is about 2 miles in length. Be sure to wear	Visitor Center	1:30	3 hours
•2nd Corp Assault	good walking shoes and dress for the weather.	visitor Center	1.30	3 Hours
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Overview Hikes	Three, one-mile hikes over key areas of the			
◆The Cornfield	battlefield that enable first time visitors to	Visitor Center	10:30	90 minutes
Sunken RoadBurnside Bridge	learn the story and experience the terrain at Antietam.	Visitor Center Tour Stop 9	12:30 3:00	90 minutes 90 minutes
Bulliside Bridge	at Antietam.	Tour Stop 5	5.00	50 minutes
Aftermath of Battle Walk	A ranger talk on how the battle affected the local community of Sharpsburg.	Visitor Center	10:30	45 minutes
Weapon Firing	Living history program demonstrating	Visitor Center	11:00	60 minutes
Demonstrations	artillery and infantry.		1:00	
			3:00	
Youth Tent	Visit the youth tent for kid and family	Visitor Center	11:00-3:00	
	activities.			
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			4:00	
Wildcat Regimental	Civil War brass band concert	Mumma Farm	2:00	90 minutes
Band Concert				
Clara Barton Talk	Learn about the Angel of the Battlefield	Visitor Center	2:00	30 minutes
	and her life before and after the war.			
Sunday, September 20th				
In-Depth Hikes				
*Burnside Bridge	Longer, more detailed programs. Each hike	Tour Stop 9	9:00	3 hours
	is about 2 miles in length. Be sure to wear			
•Final Attack	good walking shoes and dress for the	Tour Stop 9	1:30	3 hours
	weather.			
Ranger Guided Driving	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow	Visitor Center	10:00	2 1/2 hours
Tours	the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.		1:30	

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Saturday and Sunday, September 26th and 27th

This weekend is dedicated to the aftermath of the Battle. All programs will start at the Visitor Center

Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	Saturday 9:30, 12:00, 3:30	Sunday 9:30, 12:00, 3:00	30 minutes
Civil War Photography	Demonstration of the wet plate photographic process that was used by Alexander Gardner to record the aftermath of the Battle of Antietam	10:15, 1:00	10:15, 1:00	45 minutes
United States Sanitary Commission	Living history volunteers will tell the story of the Commission and the role it played in improving the life of the common soldier	11:00, 1:45	11:00, 1:45	45 minutes
Civil War Medicine	Dr. Gordon Dammann, founder of the National Musuem of Civil War Medicine, will present a program on Civil War medical care and Dr. Jonathan Letterman, the Father of Modern Emergency Medicine	2:30 Saturday only		60 minutes